

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraphs to page 1 before the section “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The following applications are cross-referenced and incorporated by reference herein in their entirety:

“Data Transfer and Synchronization System,” U.S. Patent No. 6,671,757, issued December 30, 2003, Attorney Docket No. FUSN1-01002US0;

“Data Transfer and Synchronization System,” U.S. Patent No. 6,694,336, issued February 17, 2004, Attorney Docket No. FUSN1-01000US0; and

“Data Transfer and Synchronization System,” U.S. Patent Application No. 09/491,675, filed January 26, 2000, Attorney Docket No. FUSN1-01001US2.

Each of these related Patents/Application are incorporated herein by reference.

At page 24, lines 8-21, please amend the specification as follows:

As shown in Figure 5, each device engine 324 includes an application object 510. The application object is specific to each particular software application ~~510~~ 810 running on the network-coupled device, and provides a standard interface between the device engine and the balance of the data transmission system of the invention, and the application ~~510~~ 810. Details of the application object will be described below. The application object is a pluggable architecture which supports a wide variety of vendor-unique applications and file structures. The job of the application object is to map data from the application into a temporary or “universal” data structure by connecting to the application via any number of standard interfaces to gain access to the applications data. The data

structure of the application object puts the data in a generic or “universal data” format which may be used by the device engine components to generate data packages for provision to the storage server.

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A method for transferring media data to a network coupled apparatus is described. The method includes maintaining a personal information space identified with a user and having media data. The personal information space is coupled to the network. Upon a user request, the method transfers at least a portion of the media data from the personal information space to the network coupled apparatus in a differencing transaction.

~~A method for transferring media data to a network coupled apparatus is described. In one aspect, the method comprises maintaining a personal information space identified with a user including media data, the personal information space being coupled to a network; and transferring at least a portion of the media data from the personal information space to the network coupled apparatus in a differencing transaction in response to a user request.~~

~~In another aspect, a system for transferring digital media between a plurality of network coupled devices is disclosed. The system comprises a personal information store containing digital media; a data transfer request initiator coupled to the personal information store; and a device engine operatively coupled to the data transfer request initiator and responsive to the initiator to transfer digital media between the store and one of said plurality of network coupled devices.~~